



# MAGIC ERASER

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Getting rid of the background in a photo can be a real challenge, but one tool that makes it easier is called the “Magic Eraser.” Here’s how to use it.

1. Before using this or any tool, always maximize the view of the photo upon which you’re working.

To do this (**Figure 1**):

- 1 Left-click on Magnifier.
- 2 Left-click on “Fit Screen.”

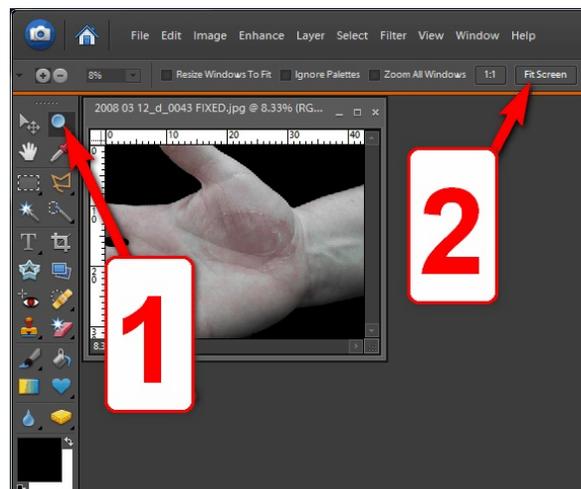


Figure 1

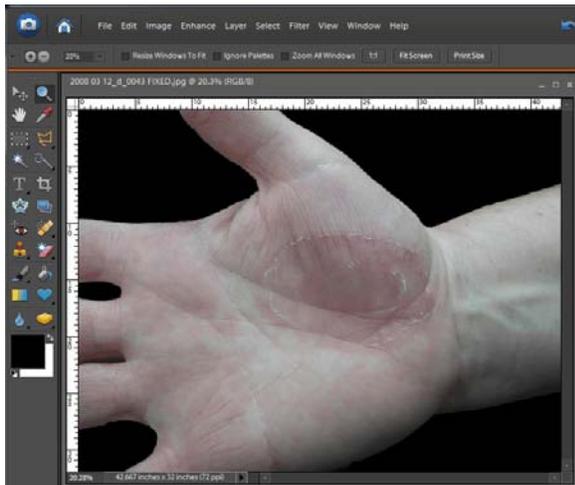


Figure 2

2. The resulting photo (**Figure 2**) is much easier to view.

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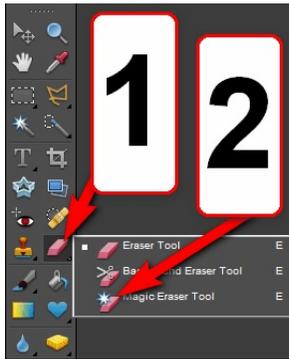


Figure 3

3. Select the Magic Eraser Tool (**Figure 3**):

- ❶ Left-click and hold on the Eraser Tool.
- ❷ Left-click on the Magic Eraser Tool.

4. Set the options (**Figure 4**):

- ❶ Left-click on the Magic Eraser.

❷ Set the Tolerance (how much of the surrounding area you want the tool to affect). I usually select 25–35.

❸ Select Anti-Alias (the technique of minimizing the distortion artifacts, known as aliasing, when changing surrounding areas).

❹ Left-click to select Contiguous so that you're only affecting directly-connected pixels of the same color when erasing.

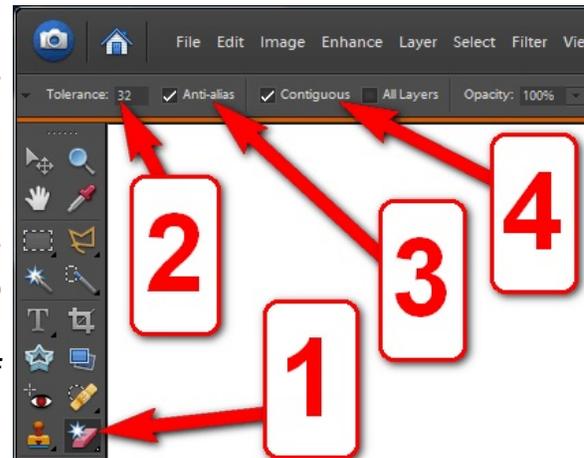


Figure 4

5. Wherever you click with the Magic Eraser, any adjacent areas containing that same color are erased.

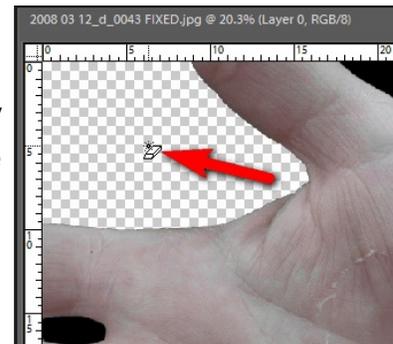


Figure 5



Figure 6

6. The resulting photo (**Figure 6**) is much easier to see. NOTE: You may have to do some further, minor editing before you share the photo with others.